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NOTE

SEE 865d.01/119 FOR #1733

FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED June 10, 1936
TO NAME 1-1127 ***

REGARDING: Public works program and labor regulations.

Decree issued on street improvement projects in the city to give work to both native and white unemployed. Also a decree issued stating that native labor wages will be regulated by the five individual governments in respective territories.

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ROME, July 3, 1936.

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Subject: Financing Public Works in Ethiopia.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State,
Washington.

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Sir:

With reference to the Embassy's telegram No. 184 of June 1, 1936, regarding the approval by the Council of Ministers of a draft decree-law for establishing an Autonomous Section of the Public Works Financing Consortium for financing public works in Ethiopia, I have the honor to enclose an English translation of the text of the decree-law in question, which was enacted on June 8, 1936, and published in the Official Gazette of June 30th.

The "Autonomous Section for Financing Public Works in Ethiopia", to be established under the decree-law, will have an initial capital of one hundred million lire, taken from the reserves of the Public Works Financing Consortium, and

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and is authorized to issue its own bonds in Italian or foreign currencies.

Respectfully yours,

A. Kirk.

Alexander Kirk,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.

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Enclosure: ✓

Translation of Royal Decree-Law.

Enclosure to despatch No. 1767 of July 3, 1936.

(OFFICIAL GAZETTE of June 30, 1936)

Translation

Royal Decree-law No. 1172 of June 8, 1936 XIV.

Constitution of an Autonomous Section of the Public Works Financing Consortium for financing public works in Ethiopia.

Victor Emmanuel III

By the Grace of God and the Will of the Nation

King of Italy

Emperor of Ethiopia.

In view of Royal Decree-law No. 754 of May 9, 1936-XIV, regarding the declaration of the full and entire sovereignty of the Kingdom of Italy over Ethiopia;

In view of Royal Decree-law No. 1627 of September 2, 1919, converted into Law No. 488 of April 14, 1921, concerning the constitution of the Public Works Financing Consortium;

In view of Article 3, No. 2, of Law No. 100 of January 31, 1926-IV;

Recognizing the urgent and absolute necessity of providing for the financing of public works in Ethiopia;

Having heard the Council of Ministers;

At the instance of the Chief of the Government, Prime Minister Secretary of State, Minister Secretary of State for Colonies, in agreement with the Ministers of Finance and Public Works;

We have decreed and do decree:

Art. 1. The Public Works Financing Consortium

is authorized to establish its own autonomous section, entitled "Autonomous Section for Financing Public Works in Ethiopia", with a view to providing for the necessary financing of public works to be carried on in Ethiopia.

The Section will have an initial capital of one hundred million lire, which will be taken from the reserve funds of the Public Works Financing Consortium.

In relation to the financing to be effected, the Section is authorized to issue its own bonds, which may be constituted in special series.

The Section may also issue bonds in foreign currencies, with prior governmental authorization to be given by the Minister of Finance under Royal Decree No. 1 of January 5, 1928, after consultation with the Undersecretary of State for Trade and Foreign Exchange.

The bonds of the Section will enjoy the same privileges as those issued by the Public Works Financing Consortium, to which they are made equal in every respect.

Art. 2. The Section will have autonomous management and will be administered by the organs of the Public Works Financing Consortium.

To the said Section there will be applied, when not contrary to the provisions of the present decree, all the provisions in force respecting the Public Works Financing Consortium.

Art. 3. The Public Works Financing Consortium and the Autonomous Section have the right to entrust their own legal proceedings, before any jurisdiction, to the Royal State's Attorney's Office and to avail themselves thereof for regular legal advice.

Art. 4. The Ministers of Colonies and Finance are authorized to take measures, when necessary, to carry out the present decree.

Art. 5. The present decree, which will go into effect on the day of its publication in the Official Gazette, shall be presented to Parliament for its conversion into law.

The Minister proposing it, is authorized to present the relative draft law.

We order that the present decree, sealed with the Seal of State, be placed in the official collection of laws and decrees of the Kingdom of Italy, and command that it be observed and caused to be observed by all concerned.

Given at Rome on June 8, 1936. Year XIV.

Victor Emmanuel

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FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED July 9, 1936
TO NAME 1-1127 ope

REGARDING:

Public Works Financing Consortium authorized to found a Section entitled "Autonomous Section for Financing Public Works in Ethiopia" with an initial capital of one hundred million lire taken from reserves of Consortium.

PUBLIC WORKS

By Royal Decree-law dated June 8th and published in the Official Gazette of June 30th, the Public Works Financing Consortium is authorized to found a Section entitled "Autonomous Section for Financing Public Works in Ethiopia" with an initial capital of one hundred million lire taken from the reserved of the Consortium. The Section may issue its own bonds in Italian or foreign currencies. (See Embassy's despatch No. 1767 of July 3rd).

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FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED Sept. 16, 1936
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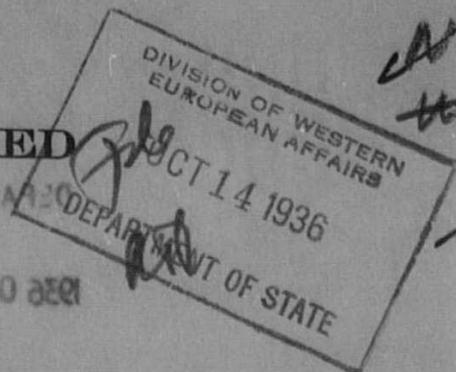
REGARDING:

Construction of public works- Italian East Africa.
By Royal Decree of July 24th, a Superior Technical Committee is established in Italian East Africa to control, -.

By Royal Decree No. 1653 of July 24, 1936, published in the Official Gazette of September 14, 1936, a Superior Technical Committee is established in Italian East Africa to control the construction of public works which are recognized as of general interest by decree of the Minister of Colonies. The Committee is composed of the following members: the Vice Governor General, chairman; one President of a Section of the Superior Council of Public Works, appointed by the Minister of Colonies at the instance of the Minister of Public Works; one Superior Director of the Government General; the chiefs of the civil or military technical services who may be appointed to participate by decree of the Governor General; the chief of the accounting office of the Government General; and one official of the Colonial Service not lower than the 9th class, who serves as Secretary of the Committee.

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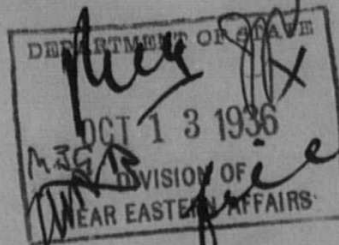
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586, October 13, 9 a.m.

Italian Ministers for Colonies and Public Works
arrived yesterday afternoon.

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SEE 865d.01/196 FOR #47

FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED Oct. 22, 1936
TO NAME 1-1127 070

REGARDING: Inspection of public works by the Minister of Colonies
and Minister of Public Works and other officials.

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NOTE

SEE 865d.01/224 FOR Despatch #105

FROM Italy (Phillips) DATED Dec. 2, 1936
TO NAME 1-1127

REGARDING: Public works- Italian East Africa. The Minister of Colonies is making a trip of inspection in Ethiopia. Inspection of roads.

Public Works.

The Minister of Colonies, Signor Lessona, who had been making a trip of inspection in Ethiopia since October 16 (Embassy's despatch No. 47 of October 22) returned to Rome on November 23. The Minister of Public Works, Signor Cobolli-Gigli, is still in Italian East Africa, where he has been inspecting the construction of roads.

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SEE 865.50/206 FOR tel #466 2pm

FROM Italy (Phillips) DATED Nov.4, 1937

TO NAME 1-1127 GPO

REGARDING: Postponement of the twelve billion lire six
year public works program for Ethiopia

Reports regarding-.

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This telegram must be closely paraphrased before being communicated to anyone. (A)

Rome

Dated November 4, 1937

Rec'd 9:14 a.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

466, November 4, 2 p.m.

Embassy's telegram No. 449, October 20, 6 p.m., paragraph eight.

The Embassy has been reliably informed that the Minister of Finance has prevailed upon the Colonial authorities to agree to a postponement of the twelve billion lire six year public works program for Ethiopia until more funds are available. It is said that only the most urgent work will be undertaken and the scheme of road development radically curtailed.

It is not yet known whether this will also apply to the additional appropriation for completion of road projects now under way.

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SEE 865d.51/15 FOR #779

FROM Italy (Phillips) DATED Jan.28, 1938

TO NAME 1-1127 GPO

REGARDING:

Public works in Italian East Africa.

Summary of Decree Law No.2299 of Nov.15, 1937, concerning Italian contribution to East African budget and appropriating 12 billion lire for public works. Comments on Minister of Public Works on road construction in Ethiopia.

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SEE 865d.00/34 FOR Report #44

FROM Naples (McCloud) DATED April 28, 1938
TO NAME 1-1127 070

REGARDING: Public works - Italian East Africa.
The autonomous consortium set up in June of 1936 for
purpose of financing public works in Abyssinia is func-
tioning satisfactorily.

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Moreover, the autonomous consortium set up in June of 1936 for the purpose of financing public works in Abyssinia is said to be functioning satisfactorily. The consortium is to have, in the near future, permission to issue its own obligations in foreign currency in the hope of obtaining foreign financial assistance thus rendering the Empire independent of any loans which the Italian Government, as such, may contract abroad. Obligations of the consortium are to have the same privileges as are accorded those of parent organizations, i.e., admission to stock exchanges, tax exemption, use as collateral and approval as a medium of investment for savings banks and insurance companies.

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